



Energy Improvement District

Hank Ashforth – Chairman

Robert Hartt

Thomas Madden

Polly Rauh

Joel Selden

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888 Washington Boulevard

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Minutes for April 15, 2015 Meeting

ATTENDEES:

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EID Members

Hank Ashforth - Chairman

Thomas Madden

Polly Rauh

Joel Selden

Bob Hartt - absent

City of Stamford Staff

Nancy Pipicelli - Engineering

Kathy Ruther – Recording Secretary

Guests:

Justin Bevis– Eversource Energy

Megan Saunders – Stamford 2030

Joe McGee – Business Council of Fairfield County

Chris Lotspeich – Celtic Energy (via phone)

Meeting came to order at 8:46am and was presided over by Chairman Hank Ashforth.

Minutes

Motion: Joel Selden moved to accept March minutes as amended, seconded by Thomas Madden; minutes, approved unanimously.

RFP Update

Large companies are starting to show interest in Stamford's project. Thomas Madden reports that there are now bi-weekly working meetings with ConEd, 10am Fridays, in the same conference room where EID meets.

Board of Ed Operations Committee presentation seemed to be well received (see <http://goo.gl/cGtDza>). The project process and savings clarified to them. Questions came up regarding the Strawberry Hill building – Thomas will discuss energy plans. The group discussed including private buildings in the RFP – difficult for this one, but the plan can be duplicated.

Contracts will be signed soon, and the group discussed a timeline. Chris Lotspeich will do a Gantt chart to assist.

Boundary Expansion Initiative Update

Approval is finalized; the boundaries are expanded (see <http://goo.gl/2CcDZL>). EID now encompasses the full City, opening up many possibilities, including web of services and energy distribution. Justin Bevis will work towards meetings with Eversource.

Joe McGee advises that the Stamford Museum and Nature Center are looking at energy needs now.

Hank Ashforth thanked Thomas Madden, on behalf of the Board, for all of his work moving this through the approval process and getting it done.

New Business

Thomas Madden introduced a school lunch program, and described the Greenburgh program. Organic matter gets separated out. Educational program is how it begins, and moves to households, organic matter turns to gas for use to power garbage trucks, etc. Agent (Anna?) contracts with schools directly, supplies training and staff to help implement. Thomas also described the program in Halifax and their facilities (see <http://goo.gl/3RmPD9>). Group discussed recycling, gas conversion, composting, residential and business, Sustainable America. Key is starting with young children.

Megan Saunders invited everyone to attend the Electric Vehicle event on Tuesday night, April 21st, 5:30pm to 7:30pm. It will be held at 700 Canal Street at Sustainable America. High-end electric cars to see and test.

Joe McGee mentions a local investment fund in association with Sustainable America, suggests we consider inviting them to a meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: Thomas Madden moved to adjourn, seconded by Joel Selden, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15am. Next meeting is scheduled for May 6th.

Respectfully submitted:
Kathy Ruther